Setting up of water spots in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

1529. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh, about 10,000 spots were to be set up to provide safe-drinking water to the tribal people;

(b) if so, whether the Centre had agreed to provide Rs. 100 crores to provide safe drinking water to tribal population;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 6,000 water spots have so far been set up;

(d) what are the main reasons for not setting up 10,000 spots as promised;

(e) what is the amount so far provided by the Centre to the States in implementing the scheme;

(f) by when all the 10,000 water-spots will be set up; and

(g) by when full assistance by Union Government will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Coverage is monitored in terms of villages and population provided with safe drinking water facilities and not in terms of water spots. The coverage in 1994-95 is as under:

	Village	Population (*in lakh*)		
		Total	SCs	STs
1993-94				
Target	5600	24.00	3.356	4.620
Achievement	5963	25.55	3.710	5.940
1994-95				
Target	9000 (Habitation)	30.00	4.195	5.775
Achievement (upto 6/94)	3790	12.63	1.870	3.640

(e) Does not arise. From the allocation made to the State Government every year, at least 35 per cent is to be earmarked for coverage of SC/ST population.

(f) The entire rural population including tribal people will be provided with safe drinking water facilities by the end of VIII five year plan.

(g) Central Assistance as per the allocation is provided to the States on year to year basis.

C.A.G. report on IRDP

1530. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the latest appraisal of the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the C.A.G. of India has pointed a familiar set of failures which have marred Governments attempts on rural development;